

## **Congressional Response/Appropriations Language**

- Conference Report (106-1005) – 25 October
- Senate Report (106-404) - 18 July
- “Stevens Rider” *in* Conference Report (106-1033) – 15 December
- Congressional Record (Senate) – 15 December

**Conference Report (HR106-1005)**  
**(25 October 2000)**  
***referenced in***  
**Commerce Appropriations Bill (HR5548)**  
**(18 December 2000)**

“The conference agreement includes **\$12.3 million** for Steller sea lion recovery, to be **allocated according to the direction in the Senate report**. The **Senate language** regarding the Administration’s reduction of funding for Steller sea lion recovery is **included by reference**.

## **Senate Report (106-404)**

**(18 July 2000)**

“The Committee is greatly concerned by the administration’s proposed reduction of spending for Steller sea lion recovery off Alaska. The cause of the Steller sea lion decline is still unknown, and costly limitations which could seriously impede the Nation’s most productive fisheries are being implemented. Lawsuits are being filed which challenge the agency’s data on the Steller sea lion, and **more resources are needed to enable the agency to produce the science and data to keep these fisheries open while protecting the sea lion population...**”

## **Senate Report (106-404)**

### **(18 July 2000)**

“The Committee, therefore, has provided a total of **\$12,300,000** including **\$7,000,000** for the National Marine Fisheries Service, **\$2,500,000** for the State of Alaska, **\$1,000,000** for the Alaska SeaLife Center, **\$1,000,000** for the Gulf Apex Predator study at the University of Alaska, and **\$800,000** for the North Pacific Marine Mammal Consortium, to address this pressing concern.”

**Conference Report (HR106-1033)**  
**(15 December 2000)**  
*referenced in*  
**Commerce Appropriations Bill (HR5548)**  
**(15 December 2000)**

*Section 208*

- **\$10,000,000** “shall be available only for research regarding litigation concerning the Alaska Steller sea lion and Bering Sea/Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries of which...”
- **\$6,000,000** ~ OAR – “to study the impact of ocean climate shifts on the North Pacific and Bering Sea fish and marine mammal species composition”
- **\$2,000,000** ~ NOS – “to study predator/prey relationships as they relate to the decline of the western population of Steller sea lions”
- **\$2,000,000** ~ NPFMC – “for an independent analysis of Steller sea lion science and other work related to such litigation”

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**(18 December 2000)**

*Section 209* (d) SEA LION PROTECTION MEASURES  
**\$20,000,000** is hereby appropriated to the Secretary of  
Commerce to remain available until expended to develop and  
implement a coordinated, comprehensive research and  
recovery program for the Steller sea lion, which shall be  
designated to study—

*(12 items)*

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- (1) available prey species;
- (2) predator/prey relationships;
- (3) predation by other marine mammals;
- (4) interactions between fisheries and Steller sea lions, including the localized depletion theory;
- (5) regime shift, climate change, and other impacts associated with changing environmental conditions in the North Pacific and Bering Sea;
- (6) disease;
- (7) juvenile and pup survival rates;
- (8) population counts;
- (9) nutritional stress;
- (10) foreign commercial harvest of sea lions outside the exclusive economic zone;
- (11) the residual impacts of former government-authorized Steller sea lion eradication bounty programs; and
- (12) the residual impacts of intentional lethal takes of Steller sea lions

Within available funds the Secretary shall implement on a pilot basis innovative non-lethal measures to protect Steller sea lions from marine mammal predators including killer whales

## **Congressional Record (Senate)**

### **(15 December 2000)**

Section-by-Section Analysis (page S11857):

“Subsection (d) appropriates \$20,000,000 to the Secretary of Commerce...”

“...The Alaska SeaLife Center should receive **\$5,000,000** of these funds to continue their important work on Steller sea lion science.”



## Funding Landscape

FY01 Steller Sea Lion Research and Management: **\$43.15 million**

**\$850 K** - NMFS

**\$12.3 million:**

- \$7.0 million – NMFS
- \$2.5 million – State of Alaska
- \$1.0 million – University of Alaska
- \$1.0 million – Alaska SeaLife Center
- \$0.8 million - NPUMMRC

**\$10.0 million:**

- \$6.0 million – OAR
- \$2.0 million – NOS
- \$2.0 million – NPFMC

**\$20.0 million:**

- \$5.00 million – ASLC
- \$5.44 million – NMFS mgt. (Region/HQ)
- \$5.00 million – FY02 Contingency Fund
- \$4.56 million – Unspecified research and management